GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3305
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COVERAGE OF DD
GORDHANBHAI JAVIA

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities and persons benefited by the scheme of expansion of Doordarshan Programmes which was implemented in the year 1994;

(b) the total number of relay centres in operation in Gujarat at present together with their capacity;

(c) whether these relay centres are sufficient for the coverage of the entire population of the State; and

(d) if not, the action proposed to be taken by the Government for increasing the capacity of relay centres in Gujarat ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF TH MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a): 139 transmitters were commissioned by Doordarshan in 134 cities/towns during 1994 − 1995. Additional 58.98 lakhs persons in and around these cities/towns are estimated to have benefited from the commissioning of these transmitters.

(b): 69 Doordarshan transmitters of varying power, as given below, are at present operating in the state of Gujarat

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i.  HPTs (10KW/1KW)  -    5
ii. LPTs (300W/100W)  -   61
iii. VLPTs (10W)           -     3
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(c): It is estimated that about 86% of the population of Gujarat is presently covered by Doordarshan transmitters (including the population in fringe areas).

(d): Prasar Bharati has informed that 2 High Power Transmitters with 10 KW power for DD1 service and 3 Low Power Transmitters with 500 Watts power for DD2 service are currently under implementation in the state of Gujarat.